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LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT.

Gudur water-supply scheme.

34 Q.—Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) when the water-supply scheme in Gudur, Nellore district, was taken up for investigation ;

(b) whether any wells have been constructed or other works carried out under that scheme, and, if so, at what cost ;

(c) what amount of money has been hitherto spent for the investigation of that scheme ; and

(d) whether the scheme has been abandoned, and if so, for what reasons ?

A —(a) A scheme for the supply of water to Gudur was first drawn up by the Sanitary Engineer in 1904. The source proposed having proved a failure on subsequent investigation, the Government ordered a further investigation of all likely sources of supply in 1909.

(b) & (c) Two suction wells were constructed in order to test the yield and quality of the water-supply. In December 1918, the Sanitary Engineer reported that the amount actually spent on the wells was Rs. 18,117 and that the work remaining to be done to complete the wells would cost Rs. 6,716. In February 1919, an estimate of Rs. 5,500 for completing both the suction wells and for putting down a boring in the centre of each of the two wells was approved by the Government.

(d) The scheme was dropped in June 1921, as the Gudur Union Board was reported by the hon. Member as President of the District Board not to be in a position to contribute anything towards the capital cost of the scheme which had risen from the original estimate of Rs. 1.13 lakhs to Rs. 3.46 lakhs. The President of the District Board was duly apprised of the fact.

Mangalore water-supply scheme.

35 Q.—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(i) in what stage the Mangalore water-supply scheme is at present, and whether any plans and estimates have been prepared and sanctioned ;

(ii) when the scheme is likely to be put into execution ; and

(iii) whether the Government are aware that typhoid fever is always endemic in Mangalore and that the cause is attributed mainly to lack of good water-supply ?

A.—(i) & (ii) A scheme for the supply of water to Mangalore from the springs in the Hassamer valley has been under investigation for some time ; proposals have been received from the Sanitary Engineer for continuing the investigation. These are now under consideration. Detailed plans and estimates have not yet been prepared for the scheme.

(iii) The Government have no information.

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Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO :—“ Will the Government be pleased to call for the information, Sir ? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ The Government have no objection to call for the information.”

Indigenous systems of medicine.

36 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether any provision was made in the budget for 1923-24 for the improvement of indigenous systems of medicine ;

(2) if the answer is in the affirmative what was the amount so allotted ;

(3) whether any amount out of the allotted sum has been spent till now or is likely to be spent before the end of March 1924 ; and

(4) if the answers are in the affirmative, in what directions the amount has been spent or is likely to be spent ?

A.—No provision was made in the budget for 1923-24 for the improvement of indigenous systems of medicine, but a sum of Rs. 1,191 was provided by re-appropriation to meet the expenditure incurred by the committee appointed to report on the subject.



No-Confidence motion.

37 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has considered the effect of the voting of the Council on the ‘ No-Confidence ’ motion of Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi, and

(b) if he proposes to take any action thereon ?

A.—The reply to (a) is in the affirmative and to (b) in the negative.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ May I ask the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government whether he has placed the figures of the voting of the Council on the ‘ No-Confidence ’ Motion of Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi before His Excellency the Governor, or the Cabinet in his official capacity ? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ His Excellency must have seen the figures in the proceedings of the Council meeting.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ That is not an answer to my question, Sir, if I may say so respectfully. I shall repeat my question for the hon. Member’s information. I ask him whether in his official capacity, as the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government, otherwise called the hon. the Chief Minister, he has placed the figures of the voting before His Excellency the Governor, or the Cabinet.”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ Will the hon. Member please tell me how it arises from the main question ? ”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ I take it, Sir, that the Minister, in any action he might propose to take upon that, will be guided as the Statute clearly provides, and as the practice of this Government also shows, by the advice of His